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PRODUCTION OF JATHROPHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board (NOVOD) has been included in the network for producing Jathropha carcass as a major source of bio-diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of works undertaken by the said board in this regard;

(d) whether the said board has done any remarkable work so far;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (f): National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board is a statutory-body set up in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture in terms of the provisions of the National Oilseeds and Vegetables Oils Development Board Act. 1983.the NOVOD Board is entrusted with the nodal responsibility for Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs) including Jatropha. The Board has been promoting Jatropha in the country through its various developmental programmes like development of elite planting material and model plantation,Research and Development, awareness etc. The Board has undertaken nursery raising and model plantation of Jatropha in about 11761 hectare area in 22 potential states of the country. These plantations will serve as parent material for undertaking large scale plantation of Jatropha in future for bio-diesel production. Besides, a `National Research Network on Integrated Development of TBOs-Jatropha` is also being implemented in the country through networking of more than 60 R&D institutions to address the various researchable issues. So far, 2399 superior planting material (Candidate Plus Trees-CPTs) have been identified and 505 germplasm lines have been cryo-preserved. A total of 1345 seeds samples have been analyzed for oil content and fatty acid composition.There has been significant achievement in standardization of package and practices, mass multiplication, genotype/varietal evaluation trials, hybridization etc.